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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

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TOPIC Deeberitz Airfield

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1. On 10 and 11 January 1955, no air activity was observed at Deeberitz airfield nor were aircraft parked there. ¹

2. Unit of Colonel Vasilyev

The consumption of electric current supplied through the electric cable around the airfield remained unchanged and was paid for as indicated:

- 33.3 % paid by auditor Major Zaotkin (fmu) who wore black-bordered blue epaulets
- 33.3 % paid by auditor Major Kraiyevoi (fmu)
- 33.3 % paid by auditor Lieutenant Colonel Ivanov (fmu).

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Building No 59 of the former motor vehicle instruction battalion housed auditor Senior Lieutenant Panfilov (fmu) and auditor Zaotkin both of whom wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Panfilov was replaced by Zaotkin. It is believed that the latter almost definitely belonged to the unit of Colonel Vasilyev. His proper functions at the field, besides auditing the current bills, could not be determined. Colonel Vasilyev wore black-bordered blue epaulets. The unit of Colonel Vasilyev was still responsible for the quarters of the former motor vehicle instruction battalion, the NSKK Kaserne, the eastern section of the Richthofen Kaserne and the officers billets on Thaelmann Platz. The housing area of Unit Vasilyev was apparently heavily occupied because there was intensive activity.

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3. Unit of Lieutenant Colonel Ivanov

At about 1415 on 10 January, auditor Lieutenant Colonel Ivanov was in his billets in building No 43 in the western section of Richthofen Kaserne. Building No 21 housed the officer's club and messhall.

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headquarters building No 19
 housed the guard of Unit Ivanov.

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4. Workshops / Major Krayevoi

On 11 January, audit officer Major Krayevoi was seen in the workshops. The sound of propeller-driven engines was heard from the test stands. Five gray crates with lugs at the corners, fastened with hoop iron and mounted on skids were observed at the southern side of the workshop. The crates were about 3 meters long, 1.7 meters high and 1.6 meters wide.

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the quartering buildings south of Herold Platz still belonged to the workshop unit. At about 1500 on 10 January, a soldier wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was posted at the gate to the quartering buildings which were still heavily occupied. ²

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5. The following AA guns were emplaced in the AA gun emplacements on 11 January:

3 x 37-mm AA guns about 100 meters northwest of the westernmost hangar
 3 x 37-mm AA guns about 100 meters northeast of the easternmost hangar
 3 x 37-mm AA guns about 50 meters southwest of the northwestern edge of the field.

No additional AA guns were seen at the field. It is possible, however, that other AA guns were in the northwestern corner of the field which was obstructed by shrubs and trees. ³

6. On 10 January, the chief of the former artillery equipment park, Lieutenant Colonel Besvershi (fnu) was seen. Captain Mushnysh (fnu) was absent. There was no air activity in the area of the installation. ¹

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1. Comment. Doeberitz airfield is still not occupied by an air unit.

2. Comment. The present report indicates that no individual units in the installation. The appointments of the officers have been confirmed.

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Efforts will be made to clarify if the unit is stationed in Doeberitz or Werneuchen.

3. Comment. The number and location of the AA guns has repeatedly been reported.

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